

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE
MAINE STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION
IN CELEBRATION OF THE
ELKS 150 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BRUCE POLIQUIN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

The Maine Elks Association is a strong, community-minded, and patriotic organization that supports our veterans and local communities in various ways.

Since the Elks incorporation in 1868, it has become one of America's oldest and largest fraternal organizations in the country. Its members have proved to be strong Americans, leaving a legacy of youth-oriented, charitable, and community service programs that are all encompassing.

Today, the legacy of the BPO Elks and other honorable citizens thrives in Maine under current Maine State President, David Anderson. The Maine State Elks Association is celebrating their fundraising efforts for the Maine State Elks project, Maine Children's Cancer Program, and the fact that they have raised over \$4 million to date for the children of Maine.

We are so proud to have Elk members in the heart of our Great State of Maine, and I am honored to serve in the United States Congress on behalf of its members. As we celebrate the Elks, we look forward to many more years of tradition and community projects.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and wishing its members the very best in the years to come.

HONORING DARIOUSH AND
SHAHPAR KHALEDI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Darioush and Shahpar Khaledi for their leadership in raising the role of arts and culture in California's Napa Valley. Mr. and Ms. Khaledi have made many contributions to our community, particularly through their steadfast commitment to the arts.

Mr. Khaledi was born and raised in Iran, where his fascination with wine began at an early age, due to his father's winemaking and the cultural history of winemaking of Shiraz, Iran. After building what was at one point the largest family-owned grocery business in California, Mr. and Ms. Khaledi founded Darioush Winery in 1997. Mr. Khaledi considers Darioush Winery to be the realization of his American Dream. His goal was to produce wines that celebrate both individualism and craftsmanship. For Ms. Khaledi it was essential that clients and guests be treated as family, which she considers to be more than a cultural tradition, but a way of life. Her welcoming

philosophy has defined the Darioush experience and is derived from Tarof, the Persian art of social etiquette—in essence how to make your guests feel more at home “than home itself.”

In addition to running their world-class winery, Mr. and Ms. Khaledi are active patrons of the arts and engaged community members. Mr. Khaledi is the Founding Chair on the Board of Directors for Festival Napa Valley, an organization that puts on an annual performing arts festival and also offers year-round programming. Mr. Khaledi is also a Board Member for organizations including Napa Valley Vintners, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Food Marketing Institute, Unified Grocers and the St. Helena Hospital Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. and Ms. Khaledi are the kind of community members we should all strive to emulate. Their dedication to the arts in the Napa Valley has been crucial for the growth of our arts community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Darioush and Shahpar Khaledi here today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEM-
ORY OF COLIN HAYWARD
TOLAND

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a courageous young man, Colin Hayward Toland, who lost his battle with brain cancer on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the age of ten.

Officer Colin had served as an honorary member of the Ithaca Police Department since September 12, 2016, becoming the youngest member of the police force. On March 8, 2018, Officer Colin was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant and assigned to the tactical unit by the Memphis Police Department.

During his time on the force, Lieutenant Colin showed resilience and determination to keep his community safe, making him the perfect candidate to investigate and arrest The Grinch who was trying to steal Christmas from his community in December 2016. Lieutenant Colin's courage in the arrest set forth an example to his brothers on the police force.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Lieutenant Colin Hayward Toland and his exemplary service to the Ithaca Police Department and ensuring his family and community that he leaves behind that our thoughts and prayers are with them.

RECOGNIZING THE 113TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
STATE POLICE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to join the brave men and women of Troop N, headquartered in my hometown of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, in recognizing the 113th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Created by an act of legislation signed into law by Governor Samuel Pennypacker on May 2, 1905, the Pennsylvania State Police was the first uniformed police organization of its kind in the country. During the Great Anthracite Strike of 1902, violence disrupted the peace and safety of seven counties, causing a nationwide coal shortage that forced President Teddy Roosevelt to intervene. In the aftermath of strike, it was decided that peace and order should be maintained by responsible officers employed by the public.

The State Police quickly became vital in Pennsylvania, controlling mob violence, patrolling farms, protecting wildlife, and tracking down criminals, and later served as a model for other police forces across the country. Originally limited to 228 men, the Pennsylvania State Police Department now includes nearly 5,000 sworn officers and 2,000 civilian members, and is dedicated to criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, and other public safety services across the Commonwealth.

These brave men and women put their lives on the line each and every day to keep our families and communities safe. This risk is not without sacrifice. Since its founding, 98 officers have died in the line of duty while serving the Pennsylvania State Police. Let us take a moment to honor them, and to thank them for their sacrifice to maintain the safety of our communities.

As we reflect on the past 113 years of this police force, and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in its service, I also want to thank the selfless and courageous officers who are currently serving. With National Police Week fast approaching, it is only right that we recognize all that our nation's law enforcement officers do to keep us safe. The protection they provide is something no one should take for granted, and I am forever grateful for their service.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 113th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Police.

RECOGNIZING DIANE SMETHILLS

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Diane Smethills who is being honored at the First Annual Women Who Soar Awards by the Chamber of Commerce in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, on May 3, 2018. Currently of the Sterling Ranch Development Company, Mrs. Smethills is now working to build a \$4.4 billion sustainable community in Douglas County, Colorado. The development will have a trail system, a comprehensive management plan for open space and wildlife, along with retail, schools and community centers.

With over 35 years of experience in marketing, real estate development and finance, Diane Smethills has contributed to many businesses and nonprofit agencies across America. Her career has taken her to Washington, D.C., where she worked in President Ronald Reagan's Administration, being appointed to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board of Topeka, and to New York City, where she worked at the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) and National Geographic. Mrs.